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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on May 23, 2005 during rollcall vote No. 200, No. 201, and No. 202 during the first session of the 109th Congress. The first vote was on H.R. 744—the Internet Spyware (I–SPY) Prevention Act of 2005, the second vote was on H.R. 29—Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act, and the last vote was on H. Con. Res. 149—Recognizing the 57th Anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel.

I respectfully request that it be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that if present, I would have voted "yes" on the rollcall votes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably delayed in my return to Washington, DC from an official visit to Venezuela for meetings with various officials and therefore unable to be on the House Floor for roll-call votes 200, 201, and 202. Had I been here I would have voted "yea" for rollcall vote 200, "yea" for rollcall vote 201, and "yea" for roll-call vote 202.

REPORT ON H.R. 2528, MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE AND VET-ERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION ACT, 2006

Mr. WALSH, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-95) on the bill (H.R. 2528) making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Westmoreland). Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 810, STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order at any time without interven-

tion of any point of order to consider in the House H.R. 810. The bill shall be considered as read; the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) three hours of debate on the bill, equally divided and controlled by the chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. DEGETTE) or their designees; (2) one motion to recommit; and during consideration of H.R. 810, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

ECONOMIC GROWTH IN TENNESSEE

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, you know last year this body passed the 2004 Jobs and Growth Act, and this restored sales tax deductibility to our State.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to rise tonight just to give an update on the good work this is doing in the State of Tennessee. We have a \$272 million boost in our State revenues. Now, we are one of those States that does not have a State income tax. We have a State sales tax, and restoring that deductibility that the Republican leadership pushed forward in this House has paid dividends for the State of Tennessee.

It is like a lot of the other economic news that we are hearing: 274,000 new jobs that were created in the month of April; employment ranks grew by 598,000 jobs this last month, pushing it to over 141 million Americans who are working. These are the right decisions, the right steps to promote positive economic growth in our great Nation, and I thank the leadership for their work on that issue.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AMEND-MENTS TO STRENGTHEN CLEAN-UP OF BRAC SITES

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, one reason there is so much opposition to the BRAC base closing process is that people do not know what they are going to get stuck with when their base closes. Seventeen bases from the 1988 round are still contaminated and have not been transferred back to the benefit of local communities. Over 140,000 acres on closed or realigned bases have not been cleaned up.

I am offering an amendment to the defense authorization legislation tomorrow that would delay the implementation of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure round until the Secretary of Defense submits a strategy including an estimate of the amount of funds necessary to complete unexploded ordinance clean up and environmental remediation of the bases closed during the 1988 round. Not trying to stop the BRAC, just getting plans in place that are 17 years overdue.

At a time when we are asking communities to bear the trauma of the BRAC process, it is unacceptable that we have not finished cleaning up the first round.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LUIS GLASER

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay special tribute to an outstanding citizen from my south Florida community, Dr. Luis Glaser. For the past 19 years, Dr. Glaser has served as provost for the University of Miami. He has been one of the university's most dynamic and energetic leaders.

As a recent graduate of the University of Miami, I am proud to have experienced firsthand his exceptional leadership.

As a Jewish refugee who fled his native Austria at the dawn of the Holocaust, Dr. Glaser understands the experience of refugees of so many countries who have made the University of Miami the international academic center that it is

His sensitivity and his insight have allowed him to fully engage in the academic life of the university and to maintain direct personal contact with its students.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Luis Glaser for his wonderful service, as well as to his great wife, Ruth, for their unparalleled commitment to our south Florida commity and to the University of Miami community. Go Canes. Thank you, Louie.

ALLOW STEM CELL RESEARCH

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I met with a group of folks who are urging the House to allow commonsense, reasonable stem cell, embryonic stem cell research to continue. I talked to Dr. Charles Murray of the University of Washington Cardiovascular Regenerative Biology Center, who told us that this research some day could repair damaged hearts.

I talked to Dr. Tony Blau, a hematologist at the University of Washington, who said that they had to put some research on the shelf because of these restrictive rules that President